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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1886

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, IS, JO

SUBJ: MEZVINSKY VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 172057

1. FOR MUCH THE SAME REASONS OF SENSITIVITY AS NOTED IN REFTEL, PARA 6, WE ARE CONSIDERING WISDOM OF HAVING MEZVINSKY SEE DE MURALT WHILE IN JERUSALEM. DE MURALT HAS DEFINITELY BEEN DISMISSED ALTHOUGH HE IS STILL CLEARING OUT HIS DESK AT ICRC OFFICE JERUSALEM AND PLANS TO LEAVE TOWN BEFORE END OF MONTH.

2. IT IS UNCLEAR EXACTLY WHAT WERE REASONS FOR ANY DISSATISFACTION BY ICRC WITH DE MURALT BEFORE HIS TALKS WITH USG OFFICIALS NOTED REFTEL. (THIS REPORT OF PRIOR DISSATISFACTION WAS NOT REFLECTED IN GENEVA 9932.) DE MURALT HAS NEVER INDICATED TO US THAT HE WAS AWARE OF ICRC DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS PERFORMANCE AND, TO THE CONTRARY, SAYS THAT SOLE REASON CITED FOR DISMISSAL WAS HIS FAILURE TO ADVISE GENEVA IN ADVANCE OF HIS TALKS WITH US OFFICIALS.

2. AS TO MEZVINSKY SEEING DE MURALT, IT WOULD GIVE MEZVINSKY FIRST-HAND OPPORTUNITY TO GET DE MURALT'S VIEW ON ISRAELI
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PRACTICES. ON OTHER HAND, GIVEN OBVIOUS ICRC SENSITIVITY REGARDING DE MURALT'S CONTACTS WITH US, WE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO KEEP ICRC ADVISED. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE HAVE IN MIND VERY INFORMAL SETTING FOR MEZVINSKY TO SEE DE MURALT, I.E. DRINKS AT RESIDENCE AFTERNOON OF JULY 14. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. PROPOSED JERUSALEM SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY, JULY 13

9:00 AM MEETING WITH ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER

9:30 AM MEETING WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFF

10:30 AM VISIT TO BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, BROTHER

JOSEPH LOWENSTEIN

1:00 PM LUNCH AT RESIDENCE. GUESTS: HIKMAT AL MASRI, NABLUS

NOTABLE; AZIZ SHEHADEH, RAMALLAH LAWYER; MAYOR QAWASIMA,

HEBRON; MAYOR MILHAM, HALHUL; NAFEZ NAZZAL, BIR ZEIT PROFESSOR.

3:30 PM MEETING WITH MR JAMES FINE, AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE

COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM VISIT TO WEST BANK INCLUDING PASS-BY OF SEVERAL

ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ACCOMPANIED BY US CONGEN OFFICER

5:00 PM DRINKS AT RESIDENCE WITH JEAN DE MURALT.

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